

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 1 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,784,244 to Carre et al (Carre). Claims 1 and 11 each recite a pair of brake discs that are slidable axially on the hub. The examiner states that the cited Carre reference inherently teaches multiple discs which are each slidable on the hub. However, such is not the case. While the inner disc 1a appears to slide axially relative to the outer disc 1b, the outer disc 1b is formed as part of or bolted to the wheel hub. In other words, it appears that the outer disc 1b is axially fixed to the wheel hub, while the inner disc 1a may slide. This does not meet the limitations of claims 1 and 11 which call for a pair of axially slidable brake discs.

Carre is able to accommodate the fixed outer disc 1b through axial sliding movement of the caliper structure which, in the first three lines of column 2, is described as being mounted slidably on a fixed support 3. In line 65 of column 1, Carre incorporates by reference European patent EP0117192 as describing in detail the general structure of the brake system apart from the inventive features disclosed in Carre. This reference appears to be no more relevant than that of Carre with respect to the claimed invention of the present application and thus it has not been separately listed on an invention disclosure form. Nonetheless, a copy of EP117192 is attached herewith along with an English translation of the abstract and claims where it is made clear that the caliper slides axially on the fixed support identified as numeral 9 in Figure 2 of the EP reference. Item 4 in Figure 2 of the EP reference is the wheel hub and it is shown as being formed as one piece with the outer disc, which is the same arrangement illustrated in the drawings of Carre. As such, the outer disc 1b does not appear to be constructed to slide axially relative to the wheel hub, but is stationary relative thereto. Additionally, the unnumbered bolt or fastener extending through wheel hub 4 appears to mount a support base for the apparent sliding movement of the inner disc relative to the support base, further supporting an interpretation that the wheel hub 4 and outer disc are axially fixed. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that claims 1 and 11 are not anticipated by Carre

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since Carre lacks the requirement for dual sliding brake discs and as such it is requested that the examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections of claim 1 and 11.

It is further submitted that the rejections of claims 1 and 11 over Tamasho in view Carre is also improper and should be withdrawn. The examiner concedes that Tamasho fails to disclose the multi-disc arrangement called for in claims 1 and 11. The examiner looks to Carre for such teachings. However, as argued above, Carre fails to disclose the recited multi-disc system including multiple discs which are slideable on a hub unlike that of Carre. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the examiner has failed to establish a proper prima facie rejection of claims 1 and 11 and should be withdrawn.

It is believed that this application now is in condition for allowance. Further and favorable action is requested.

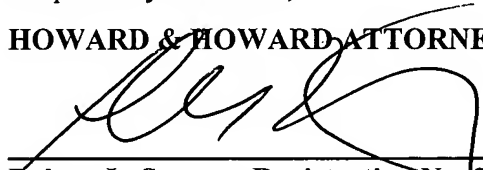
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